

**UNCLASSIFIED****Williams, Christopher R.**

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** March-27-17 10:15 AM  
**To:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Cc:** Foreman, Ryan; Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** Re: questions

Thanks. This one should be pretty easy for us. I think we've answered a similar variation of this question in the past. Nothing to see here.

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**From:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Foreman, Ryan; Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** FW: questions

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Hi Chris,  
We received these questions from CBC/Radio-Canada this morning— deadline is Wednesday at 5 pm. We'll draft something for your review.  
Thanks,

**From:** Brigitte Bureau [<mailto:brigitte.bureau@radio-canada.ca>]  
**Sent:** March-27-17 8:06 AM  
**To:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Cc:** Catherine Cullen  
**Subject:** questions

English follows :

Une enquête de Radio-Canada/CBC échelonnée sur plusieurs mois a permis de détecter, à Ottawa, la présence de capteurs d'IMSI (IMSI catchers), des machines capables d'intercepter les données des téléphones mobiles.

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- 3) Avez-vous utilisé un capteur d'IMSI à proximité des endroits suivants : le Centre Rideau, le marché Byward, la colline du Parlement et les bureaux de Radio-Canada, sur la rue Queen, en décembre 2016, janvier 2017 ou février 2017; et à l'aéroport international Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau à Montréal en février 2017?

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Merci et bonne journée,

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We would like answers to these questions before Wednesday, March 29th at 5 P.M.

We are dealing with a demanding production schedule on this story and therefore we cannot guarantee responses received after that deadline can be incorporated into all of our reporting.

Thank you and have a good day,

**Catherine Cullen**  
**CBC News, Parliament Hill Bureau**  
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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** March-27-17 5:00 PM  
**To:** ; eo\_staff  
**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.; Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Subject:** Re: For Review: CBC/Radio-Canada questions - IMSI catchers - deadline Wednesday 5pm

Thanks!

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 4:50 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; eo\_staff  
**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.; Media CSEC-CSTC  
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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
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**To:** eo\_staff  
**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.; Media CSEC-CSTC  
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**CBC/Radio Canada Questions**

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### ***Proposed CSE Response***

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**Williams, Christopher R.**

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** March-28-17 4:27 PM  
**To:** O'Nions, Christine; Lindblad, Anabel  
**Subject:** Re: FYI - CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers

We'd suggest this for a line:

CSE must respect the Security of Information Act and cannot respond to questions about methods, techniques or capabilities.

### Original Message

**From:** O'Nions, Christine  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 4:07 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; Lindblad, Anabel  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers

Chris, could you add your mother hood we cannot comment for operational reasons pls. But do not respond just yet. I want to send all 3 response up.

### -----Original Message-----

**From:** Williams, Christopher R. [<mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA>]  
**Sent:** March 27, 2017 5:35 PM  
**To:** O'Nions, Christine; Lindblad, Anabel  
**Subject:** Re: FYI - CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers

Thanks, it is all previously used.

Do you know if other depts got the same Q? I assume yes, but it would be good to know.

### Original Message

**From:** O'Nions, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 5:32 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; Lindblad, Anabel  
**Subject:** Re: FYI - CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers

Thanks Chris. Let me run it by a few people.

Christine

**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 5:20 PM  
**To:** O'Nions, Christine; Lindblad, Anabel  
**Subject:** FYI - CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers

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Proposed CSE Response

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**Sent:** March-28-17 11:58 AM  
**To:** Foreman, Ryan  
**Subject:** Re: FYI - CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers

Please go ahead with translation. We'll be sending this version unless pco gets back to me in the next hour with an issue.

Thanks.

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**From:** Foreman, Ryan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers

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Hi Chris – just checking for an update on the IMSI response for CBC/R-C. Should I hold off on translation or can we go ahead?

Ryan

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** March-27-17 5:31 PM  
**To:** [JORDAN.OWENS@forces.gc.ca](mailto:JORDAN.OWENS@forces.gc.ca); [RENEE.FILIATRAULT@forces.gc.ca](mailto:RENEE.FILIATRAULT@forces.gc.ca)  
**Cc:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Subject:** Re: FYI - CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers

I'm assuming it has, but I just flagged to pco asking them that very question. I'll let you know.

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**From:** [JORDAN.OWENS@forces.gc.ca](mailto:JORDAN.OWENS@forces.gc.ca)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 5:30 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; [RENEE.FILIATRAULT@forces.gc.ca](mailto:RENEE.FILIATRAULT@forces.gc.ca)  
**Cc:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers

Thanks. Do you know if this went to other departments?

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R. [<mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA>]  
**Sent:** March-27-17 5:19 PM  
**To:** Owens J@MND@Ottawa-Hull <[JORDAN.OWENS@forces.gc.ca](mailto:JORDAN.OWENS@forces.gc.ca)>; Filiatrault R@MND@Ottawa-Hull <[RENEE.FILIATRAULT@forces.gc.ca](mailto:RENEE.FILIATRAULT@forces.gc.ca)>

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**Cc:** Media CSEC-CSTC <[Media@CSE-CST.GC.CA](mailto:Media@CSE-CST.GC.CA)>

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** March-28-17 1:51 PM  
**To:** 'JORDAN.OWENS@forces.gc.ca'; RENEE.FILIATRAULT@forces.gc.ca  
**Cc:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers

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The PS portfolio did receive the call. Below are their responses:

**RCMP:**

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**CSIS:**

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**To:** Owens J@MND@Ottawa-Hull <JORDAN.OWENS@forces.gc.ca>; Filiatrault R@MND@Ottawa-Hull <RENEE.FILIATRAULT@forces.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Media CSEC-CSTC <Media@CSE-CST.GC.CA>  
**Subject:** FYI - CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers

Good afternoon,

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** March-29-17 11:35 AM  
**To:** Foreman, Ryan  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** RE: Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

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As of right now, we have nothing to add. I'll keep you posted.

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**From:** Foreman, Ryan  
**Sent:** March-29-17 11:34 AM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** RE: Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

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Hi Chris – any update on answering the CBC follow up?

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**From:** Foreman, Ryan  
**Sent:** March-28-17 4:25 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
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Hi Chris – here's the earlier line with the *SOIA* reference. Might work if we want to address the follow up question.

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**From:** Foreman, Ryan  
**Sent:** March-28-17 3:30 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
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Done – sent at 3:30.

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** March-28-17 2:57 PM  
**To:** Foreman, Ryan  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** Re: Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

Go for it - thanks.

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**From:** Foreman, Ryan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:49 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** RE: Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

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Hi Chris – here's the French version. Let me know when you'd like me to send it out.

Le CST est un organisme de renseignement étranger et de cyberdéfense dont la mission est de protéger le Canada et les Canadiens des menaces graves comme le terrorisme et les cybermenaces étrangères. Les activités du CST sont essentielles pour assurer la sécurité des Canadiens au pays et partout dans le monde.

En vertu de la loi, il est interdit pour le CST de cibler des Canadiens, où qu'ils se trouvent dans le monde, ou des personnes se trouvant au Canada. Le CST respecte toutes les lois canadiennes dans le cadre de l'exécution des activités prévues par son mandat.

Le CST recueille du renseignement électromagnétique étranger à l'appui des priorités fédérales en matière de renseignement, afin de sensibiliser davantage le gouvernement aux menaces étrangères qui pèsent contre le pays et ses citoyens et de lui permettre de prendre les mesures appropriées pour protéger les Canadiens contre ces menaces. Seules les entités étrangères situées à l'extérieur du Canada sont ciblées.

Le CST aide aussi à protéger et à sécuriser les réseaux électroniques du gouvernement du Canada et d'autres systèmes et réseaux canadiens importants qui sont ciblés des millions de fois tous les jours par des États, des pirates et des criminels étrangers.

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Thanks We have the same call. Here is our response:

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**From:**  
**Sent:** March-28-17 1:44 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; Sullivan, Lauri; Foreman, Ryan  
**Subject:** FW: Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

FYI....

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 28-Mar-17 1:39 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

In addition, RCMP were also approached and will respond with the following:

As Canada's national police force, the RCMP uses various technical investigative methods to lawfully obtain evidence in order to safeguard Canadians and conduct priority criminal investigations. The use of any investigative tools by the RCMP is governed by the Charter and subject to appropriate judicial processes. We generally do not comment on operations or, techniques used to gather evidence during investigations.

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**Sent:** 28-Mar-17 1:27 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

Hi

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Brigitte Bureau (Radio-Canada) and Catherine Cullen (CBC) are working on a story about IMSI catchers. A CBC/Radio-Canada investigation conducted in Ottawa over the course of several months detected the presence of machines which can intercept information from cell phones (known as IMSI catchers). They ask:

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They have also approached Public Safety.

### Here is our suggested response:

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For your info, here is the proposed response that PS has sent to PCO for approval:

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**Sent:** March-29-17 1:08 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** RE: Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

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Hi Chris – here's a proposed response to the CBC follow up.

Thank you for your follow up question. As stated in our earlier response, CSE follows and respects all Canadian laws when carrying out its lawfully mandated activities and CSE is not permitted to direct its activities at Canadians anywhere or at anyone in Canada. CSE must respect the *Security of Information Act* and cannot respond to questions about methods, techniques or capabilities used in lawful foreign intelligence and cyber defence activities.

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**From:** Foreman, Ryan  
**Sent:** March-28-17 4:25 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** RE: Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

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Hi Chris – here's the earlier line with the *SOIA* reference. Might work if we want to address the follow up question.

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**Sent:** March-28-17 3:30 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
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Done – sent at 3:30.

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**Sent:** March-28-17 2:57 PM  
**To:** Foreman, Ryan

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**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** Re: Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

Go for it - thanks.

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**From:** Foreman, Ryan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:49 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** RE: Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

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Hi Chris – here's the French version. Let me know when you'd like me to send it out.

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En vertu de la loi, il est interdit pour le CST de cibler des Canadiens, où qu'ils se trouvent dans le monde, ou des personnes se trouvant au Canada. Le CST respecte toutes les lois canadiennes dans le cadre de l'exécution des activités prévues par son mandat.

Le CST recueille du renseignement électromagnétique étranger à l'appui des priorités fédérales en matière de renseignement, afin de sensibiliser davantage le gouvernement aux menaces étrangères qui pèsent contre le pays et ses citoyens et de lui permettre de prendre les mesures appropriées pour protéger les Canadiens contre ces menaces. Seules les entités étrangères situées à l'extérieur du Canada sont ciblées.

Le CST aide aussi à protéger et à sécuriser les réseaux électroniques du gouvernement du Canada et d'autres systèmes et réseaux canadiens importants qui sont ciblés des millions de fois tous les jours par des États, des pirates et des criminels étrangers.

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**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; Sullivan, Lauri; Foreman, Ryan  
**Subject:** FW: Media call due 4pm - on IMSI catchers.

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**Sent:** 28-Mar-17 1:39 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
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In addition, RCMP were also approached and will respond with the following:

As Canada's national police force, the RCMP uses various technical investigative methods to lawfully obtain evidence in order to safeguard Canadians and conduct priority criminal investigations. The use of any investigative tools by the RCMP is governed by the Charter and subject to appropriate judicial processes. We generally do not comment on operations or, techniques used to gather evidence during investigations.

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Hi

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- 1) Has your organization used an IMSI catcher in the past?
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They have also approached Public Safety.

### Here is our suggested response:

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**From:** Sullivan, Lauri  
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Thanks for this Chris.

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FYI, I've had numerous discussion with PCO comms this evening. As of right now, the plan is to leave the messaging as is across the board (RCMP, CSIS, PS, DND). Ours will not change.

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Proposed CSE Response

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Posted: Apr 03, 2017 5:00 PM ET Last Updated: Apr 03, 2017 5:00 PM ET

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We also showed our results to an expert in Canadian security.

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"One possibility is that the Communications Security Establishment has been mandated to monitor the network for protection purposes, in a defensive way," he said.

CSE said it's not allowed to do that.

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"To be clear, by law, CSE is not permitted to direct its activities at Canadians anywhere or at anyone in Canada," a spokesperson said in a statement, adding that CSE respects the law.

### **Police use of IMSI catchers**

Last June it was revealed the RCMP uses IMSI catchers in its work. A Quebec Superior Court lifted a publication ban to reveal police were using the technology as part of an investigation into the 2011 death of Salvatore (Sal the Ironworker) Montagna, a high-ranking member of a New York crime family killed outside Montreal.

### **Court documents show the RCMP:**

Purchased its first IMSI catcher in 2005 Has used IMSI catchers in numerous investigations Keeps information about the cellphones of ordinary Canadians detected in the course of some investigations Recognizes phones may be affected while an IMSI catcher is in use, including possible delays in reaching 911.

The documents also show the RCMP obtained court authorization to use the IMSI catcher, which the RCMP refer to as a mobile device interceptor, or MDI.

Recent court proceedings may also shed light on the degree to which police are reluctant to discuss their use of the devices. Last month, lawyers for the federal government issued stays of proceedings against three dozen suspects out of the nearly 50 people rounded up in an operation targeting the Montreal Mafia.

A Crown prosecutor told reporters one of the reasons was that evidence gathered by the RCMP raised "unprecedented legal questions," but declined to say more.

Some privacy experts believe the Crown is concerned about whether their use of IMSI catchers — including debates about how the data is collected — will hold up in court.

Municipal police forces use the technology as well. The Vancouver police have acknowledged they borrowed an RCMP IMSI catcher in 2007 and said they would use the technology again.

CBC News obtained documents showing that in 2016, Winnipeg police, Durham Regional Police, Ontario Provincial Police and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service had also gotten a license from federal public safety officials to purchase an IMSI catcher.

### **Who is using IMSI catchers in Ottawa?**

We reached out to police, security agencies, embassies and the federal government to ask if they were involved in the IMSI catchers we detected.

The Department of National Defence said it had no knowledge of IMSI catchers being used on the dates we saw activity.

The Department of Public Safety, the Ottawa Police Service, the RCMP and CSIS all gave similar responses: They don't discuss specific investigative techniques but they do follow the law, respect the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and adhere to the appropriate judicial processes.

The detection of the devices is troubling to Teresa Scassa, Canada Research Chair in Information Law at the University of Ottawa.

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CSE said it's not allowed to do that.

"To be clear, by law, CSE is not permitted to direct its activities at Canadians anywhere or at anyone in Canada," a spokesperson said in a statement, adding that CSE respects the law.

### **Police use of IMSI catchers**

Last June it was revealed the RCMP uses IMSI catchers in its work. A Quebec Superior Court lifted a publication ban to reveal police were using the technology as part of an investigation into the 2011 death of Salvatore (Sal the Ironworker) Montagna, a high-ranking member of a New York crime family killed outside Montreal.

Court documents show the RCMP:

- Purchased its first IMSI catcher in 2005
- Has used IMSI catchers in numerous investigations
- Keeps information about the cellphones of ordinary Canadians detected in the course of some investigations
- Recognizes phones may be affected while an IMSI catcher is in use, including possible delays in reaching 911.

The documents also show the RCMP obtained court authorization to use the IMSI catcher, which the RCMP refer to as a mobile device interceptor, or MDI.

Recent court proceedings may also shed light on the degree to which police are reluctant to discuss their use of the devices. Last month, lawyers for the federal government issued stays of proceedings against three dozen suspects out of the nearly 50 people rounded up in an operation targeting the Montreal Mafia.

A Crown prosecutor told reporters one of the reasons was that evidence gathered by the RCMP raised "unprecedented legal questions," but declined to say more.



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Some privacy experts believe the Crown is concerned about whether their use of IMSI catchers — including debates about how the data is collected — will hold up in court.

Municipal police forces use the technology as well. The Vancouver police have acknowledged they borrowed an RCMP IMSI catcher in 2007 and said they would use the technology again.

CBC News obtained documents showing that in 2016, Winnipeg police, Durham Regional Police, Ontario Provincial Police and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service had also gotten a license from federal public safety officials to purchase an IMSI catcher.

Who is using IMSI catchers in Ottawa?

We reached out to police, security agencies, embassies and the federal government to ask if they were involved in the IMSI catchers we detected.

The Department of National Defence said it had no knowledge of IMSI catchers being used on the dates we saw activity.

The Department of Public Safety, the Ottawa Police Service, the RCMP and CSIS all gave similar responses: They don't discuss specific investigative techniques but they do follow the law, respect the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and adhere to the appropriate judicial processes.

The detection of the devices is troubling to Teresa Scassa, Canada Research Chair in Information Law at the University of Ottawa.

Even if the technology is being used by public authorities, Scassa sees reason to be concerned.

She points to a lack of transparency if Canadians are only learning in 2017 that the RCMP has had an IMSI catcher since 2005.

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**Sent:** April-03-17 10:18 PM  
**To:** Bossenmaier, Greta A.  
**Cc:** Cuning, Anna M.  
**Subject:** Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

I think our lines do the trick. We explicitly say that we can't/don't target Canadians and that our activities respect Canadian law.

Either way, I think have the right balance.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 10:07 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Cuning, Anna M.  
**Subject:** Fw: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Views?

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**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 10:04 PM  
**To:** Michel Coulombe; Bob Paulson; Gilles Michaud; James Malizia; Bossenmaier, Greta A.; Bruce, Shelly D.  
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Tks.

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**From:** Jean, Daniel <Daniel.Jean@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 9:59 PM  
**To:** Vigneault, David; Fox, Christiane; Wernick, Michael

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Subject: Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

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Hmmm.

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Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:39 PM

To: Wernick, Michael; Jean, Daniel; Vigneault, David

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**From:** Bossenmaier, Greta A.  
**Sent:** April-03-17 10:31 PM  
**To:** Vigneault, David; Michel Coulombe; Bob Paulson; Gilles Michaud; James Malizia; Bruce, Shelly D.  
**Cc:** Jean, Daniel; Malcolm Brown; Rogers, Daniel  
**Subject:** Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Approach sounds reasonable to me. I expect that MPS could be asked about this tomorrow. My folks can work with PS as required tomorrow.

G.

Original Message

**From:** Vigneault, David  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 10:24 PM  
**To:** Bossenmaier, Greta A.; Michel Coulombe; Bob Paulson; Gilles Michaud; James Malizia; Bruce, Shelly D.  
**Cc:** Jean, Daniel; Malcolm Brown; Rogers, Daniel  
**Subject:** Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

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**From:** Vigneault, David  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 10:19 PM  
**To:** Bossenmaier, Greta A.; Michel Coulombe; Bob Paulson; Gilles Michaud; James Malizia; Bruce, Shelly D.  
**Cc:** Jean, Daniel; Malcolm Brown; Rogers, Daniel  
**Subject:** Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Thanks Greta. I think that the cse lines are doing the trick.

I'm wondering if

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**Sent:** April-04-17 7:16 AM  
**To:** Bruce, Shelly D.  
**Subject:** Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Will do.

Original Message

**From:** Bruce, Shelly D.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 7:13 AM  
**To:** Bossenmaier, Greta A.  
**Subject:** Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Just getting all these messages now. BlackBerry is wonky.

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Any further thoughts?

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**From:** Greta.Bossenmaier@CSE-CST.GC.CA  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 10:13 PM  
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**Williams, Christopher R.**

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**From:** @forces.gc.ca  
**Sent:** April-04-17 9:51 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Williams, Christopher R.; Sullivan, Lauri; ;  
**Subject:** LINES FOR APPROVAL.  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning everyone again and thanks a lot for very quick input after our request today morning.

Please see below, the lines we have drafted, using the language of Lines you sent us today morning as well as other Lines that are already there on the CSE QP NOTE (latest copy was sent today morning for your quick reference).

Thank you and sorry for short timelines...

Please send approval for the following lines by today 10:30 AM...

- **CSE's activities are critical in keeping Canadians' safe at home and abroad.**
- **Mr. Speaker, by law, CSE is not permitted to direct its activities at Canadians anywhere or at anyone in Canada unless assisting a federal law enforcement or security agency at their request.**
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**From:** [mailto: @CSE-CST.GC.CA]  
**Sent:** April-04-17 9:21 AM  
**To:** @CSE-CST.GC.CA>;  
@forces.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** @CSE-CST.GC.CA>; Williams, Christopher R.  
<Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA>; Sullivan, Lauri <Lauri.Sullivan@CSE-CST.GC.CA>;  
@CSE-CST.GC.CA>  
**Subject:** RE: CSE QP NOTE, possible new Lines or newer angle.

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I would also add that it is our understanding that the Minister of Public Safety has the lead for this item.

Good for our Minister to have the lines, if required.

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**From:**

**Sent:** April-04-17 9:09 AM

**To:** @forces.gc.ca'

**Cc:** Williams, Christopher R.; Sullivan, Lauri;

**Subject:** FW: CSE QP NOTE, possible new Lines or newer angle.

**Classification: UNCLASSIFIED**

Good morning

Please see below for updated QP lines.

Cheers,

Strategic Policy Advisor  
Communications Security Establishment

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.

**Sent:** April-04-17 9:07 AM

**To:** Sullivan, Lauri

**Cc:**

**Subject:** RE: CSE QP NOTE, possible new Lines or newer angle.

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**From:**

**Sent:** April-04-17 8:46 AM

**To:** Williams, Christopher R.: Sullivan, Lauri

**Cc:**

**Subject:** FW: CSE QP NOTE, possible new Lines or newer angle.

**Importance:** High

**Classification: UNCLASSIFIED**

Good morning Chris and Lauri,

DND has requested we provide updated QP lines on yesterday's CBC article. See below.

Many thanks.

Strategic Policy Advisor

Communications Security Establishment

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**From:**

**Sent:** April-04-17 8:43 AM

**To:**

**Subject:** FW: CSE QP NOTE, possible new Lines or newer angle.

**Importance:** High

**Classification: UNCLASSIFIED**

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**From:** \_\_\_\_\_@forces.gc.ca [mailto:\_\_\_\_\_@forces.gc.ca]

**Sent:** April-04-17 8:35 AM

**To:**

**Cc:**

**Subject:** CSE QP NOTE, possible new Lines or newer angle.

**Importance:** High

Good Morning,

In the light of the article on the CBC website yesterday late in the evening -

Here is the Link:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/imsi-cellphones-spying-ottawa-1.4050049>

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[you can scroll down to the section on “Canadian Spies?” in the article and you will see the CSE mentioned]

**If you could provide us with LINES – to add to the CSE QP Note today morning – so that in case a question is asked today during QP we will have Lines ready, please send those to me – in both English and French. We will need lines as soon as possible – certainly by 9:45ish...**

Most recent CSE QP Note attached for your quick reference.

Thank you very much and my apologies for the short timelines...!

Policy Officer / Directorate of Parliamentary Affairs / ADM (Policy)  
Department of National Defence / Government of Canada

Agent des politiques / Direction des affaires parlementaires / SMA (Politiques)  
Ministère de la Défense nationale / Gouvernement du Canada

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**Presley, Erika A.**

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**From:** Bossenmaier, Greta A.  
**Sent:** April-04-17 10:04 AM  
**To:** Cuning, Anna M.

Tks

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Original Message

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 9:34 AM  
**To:** David Vigneault; David McGovern  
**Cc:** Cherie Henderson  
**Subject:** Re: IMSI catcher

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Original Message

From: David Vigneault

Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 9:07 AM

To: Daniel Jean; David McGovern

Cc: Cherie Henderson

Subject: IMSI catcher

One more thing... we do not know how reliable the imsi catchers are... this type of technology cld also generate a number of false positives...

We will ask agencies about that

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**Presley, Erika A.**

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** April-04-17 12:17 PM  
**To:** Bossenmaier, Greta A.  
**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.; Cuning, Anna M.  
**Subject:** Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Small change:

### Original Message

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 12:04 PM  
**To:** Bossenmaier, Greta A.  
**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.; Cuning, Anna M.  
**Subject:** Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Just FYI, but below is the line they will use at the political level (rcmp+csis approved). Thanks!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 7:37 AM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
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Ack.

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Just FYI -

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. Several such licenses have been granted to police forces.

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. Court orders are limited and specific to the criminality under investigation, and can only be obtained if statutory requirements are met.

. The RCMP must inform judges of the potential impact of investigative tools when seeking authorization, and use them in accordance with the limits set out by the court.

. The Privacy Commissioner has indicated that he has launched an investigation in relation to certain investigative tools reportedly used by the RCMP, and I welcome that. The RCMP is cooperating fully with the Privacy Commissioner in this matter.

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To: Williams, Christopher R.

Cc: Rochon, Dominic J.; Cuning, Anna M.

Subject: Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

#### **Original Message**

From: Bossenmaier, Greta A.

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 10:30 PM

To: Williams, Christopher R.

Subject: Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Good luck with that!

#### **Original Message**

From: Williams, Christopher R.

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 10:28 PM

To: Bossenmaier, Greta A.

Subject: Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

No problem. I'll be going with Scott and Richard tomorrow to try and keep them out of the limelight.

#### **Original Message**

From: Bossenmaier, Greta A.

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 10:27 PM

To: Williams, Christopher R.

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Subject: Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Many thanks.

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To: Bossenmaier, Greta A.

Subject: Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Sounds reasonable to me. I expect Minister Goodale would be called on to say something along those lines, and I think I can work with PS on some suggested lines first thing tomorrow.

Original Message

From: Bossenmaier, Greta A.

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 10:22 PM

To: Williams, Christopher R.

Subject: Fw: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Any issues?

Original Message

From: Vigneault, David <David.Vigneault@pco-bcp.gc.ca>

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 10:19 PM

To: Bossenmaier, Greta A.; Michel Coulombe; Bob Paulson; Gilles Michaud; James Malizia; Bruce, Shelly D.

Cc: Jean, Daniel; Malcolm Brown; Rogers, Daniel

Subject: Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Thanks Greta. I think that the cse lines are doing the trick.

I'm wondering

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

Original Message

From: Bossenmaier, Greta A.

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 10:14 PM

To: Vigneault, David; Michel Coulombe; Bob Paulson; Gilles Michaud; James Malizia; Bruce, Shelly D.

Cc: Jean, Daniel; Malcolm Brown; Rogers, Daniel

Subject: Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

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Merci David. From a CSE perspective, we have been clear re: our authorities/mandate.

As for a line re: keeping GoC systems/comms safe, we could develop

one if required.

G.

**Original Message**

From: Vigneault, David

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 10:04 PM

To: Michel Coulombe; Bob Paulson; Gilles Michaud; James Malizia; Bossenmaier, Greta A.; Bruce, Shelly D.

Cc: Jean, Daniel; Malcolm Brown; Rogers, Daniel

Subject: Fw: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

Good evening all.

Can u plse take a look at the thread below.

It would be in

Tks.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Jean, Daniel <Daniel.Jean@pco-bcp.gc.ca>

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:59 PM

To: Vigneault, David; Fox, Christiane; Wernick, Michael

Subject: Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Vigneault, David

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:41 PM

To: Fox, Christiane; Wernick, Michael; Jean, Daniel

Subject: Re: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC



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Hmmm.

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.  
From: Fox, Christiane  
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:39 PM  
To: Wernick, Michael; Jean, Daniel; Vigneault, David  
Subject: CBC/Radio-Canada query - ISMI catchers CSIS, PS and CSEC

These are the messages from CSIS, PS and CSEC  
they will keep me posted if anything changes...Chris

CSIS

CSIS does not comment on questions regarding operational interests, methodologies or activities. All our investigations are conducted in accordance with the CSIS Act, Ministerial Directives and robust internal policies.

PS

Law enforcement and intelligence agencies use a variety of solutions in support of their mandate to ensure the safety and security of Canada.

Disclosing details such as the specific types of equipment used to conduct investigations may hinder these agencies' effectiveness and their ability to carry out their mandates.

All investigations are carried out in accordance with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Criminal Code of Canada, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act, and other relevant statutes, and recognize and respect the constitutional rights of all Canadians. The use of all investigative tools by police forces and intelligence agencies is also subject to appropriate judicial processes. Court orders are limited and specific to the criminality under investigation, and can only be obtained if statutory requirements are met.

CSEC

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CSE must respect the Security of Information Act and cannot respond to questions about methods, techniques or capabilities.

CSE is a foreign intelligence and cyber defence agency that works to protect Canada and Canadians against serious threats, such as terrorism and foreign cyber threats. CSE's activities are critical in keeping Canadians' safe at home and abroad.

To be clear, by law, CSE is not permitted to direct its activities at Canadians anywhere or at anyone in Canada. CSE follows and respects all Canadian laws when carrying out its lawfully mandated responsibilities.

CSE collects foreign signals intelligence in support of the Government of Canada's intelligence priorities in order to increase the Government's awareness of foreign threats to Canada and its citizens so it can take proper steps to protect Canadians against those threats. These activities are directed at foreign entities, outside of Canada.

CSE also helps protect and secure the Government of Canada's electronic networks and other important Canadian computer and information networks which are targeted millions of times every day by foreign states, hackers, and criminals.

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**Williams, Christopher R.**

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**From:** Fox, Christiane <Christiane.Fox@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April-04-17 12:58 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'  
**Cc:** Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

Works for me but I am checking now...Chris

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Williams, Christopher R. [mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA]  
**Sent:** April 4, 2017 12:56 PM  
**To:** 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Fox, Christiane  
**Cc:** Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

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I really like both suggestions.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP) [mailto:ryan.baker3@canada.ca]  
**Sent:** April-04-17 12:53 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; Fox, Christiane  
**Cc:** Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

CSIS has come back with this recommendation, if it's not too late.

Ryan Baker  
Director, Public Affairs / Directeur, Affaires publiques Public Safety Canada / Sécurité publique Canada  
Tel: (613) 991-3549

Ryan.Baker3@canada.ca

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 12:50 PM  
**To:** 'Williams, Christopher R.'; Fox, Christiane  
**Cc:** Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

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How about

Ryan Baker

Director, Public Affairs / Directeur, Affaires publiques Public Safety Canada / Sécurité publique Canada  
Tel: (613) 991-3549

Ryan.Baker3@canada.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Williams, Christopher R. [mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 12:46 PM

To: Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP); Fox, Christiane

Cc: Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine

Subject: Re: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

Original Message

From: Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)

Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 12:38 PM

To: Fox, Christiane; Williams, Christopher R.

Cc: Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine

Subject: RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

RCMP and CSIS are fine with that message.

Ryan Baker

Director, Public Affairs / Directeur, Affaires publiques Public Safety Canada / Sécurité publique Canada  
Tel: (613) 991-3549

Ryan.Baker3@canada.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Fox, Christiane [mailto:Christiane.Fox@pco-bcp.gc.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 12:12 PM

To: Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP); 'Williams, Christopher R.'

Cc: Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine

Subject: Re: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

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This is what we will go with unless there are objections:

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

Original Message

From: Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)

Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 11:46 AM

To: Fox, Christiane; 'Williams, Christopher R.'

Cc: Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine

Subject: RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

CSIS is fine with it.

Will this morning's call be rescheduled. Would you like us to schedule one?

Ryan Baker

Director, Public Affairs / Directeur, Affaires publiques Public Safety Canada / Sécurité publique Canada

Tel: (613) 991-3549

Ryan.Baker3@canada.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Fox, Christiane [mailto:Christiane.Fox@pco-bcp.gc.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 11:38 AM

To: Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP); 'Williams, Christopher R.'

Cc: Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine

Subject: RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

To address my Q below, could we say:

Need a line on this before noon, can you confirm asap what we can say? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Fox, Christiane

Sent: April 4, 2017 10:27 AM

To: Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP); 'Williams, Christopher R.'

Cc: Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine

Subject: Re: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

Thanks. I will take a look. If not already included, can we include an "if pressed" on what we do to deter such activities by other actors, whether foreign actors or even Canadians engaged in this type of criminal activity?

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Original Message

From: Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)

Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 8:57 AM

To: Fox, Christiane; 'Williams, Christopher R.'

Cc: Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine

Subject: RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

More extensive lines from RCMP.

Ryan Baker

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Tel: (613) 991-3549

Ryan.Baker3@canada.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Fox, Christiane [mailto:Christiane.Fox@pco-bcp.gc.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 7:28 AM

To: 'Williams, Christopher R.'; Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)

Cc: Noftle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine

Subject: RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

Yes, we got this from PS MinO. Will set up a call for this morning:

- . Under Section 191 of the Criminal Code it is illegal to import, manufacture or possess an IMSI Catcher without a license granted from Public Safety Canada.
- . Several such licenses have been granted to police forces.
- . The use of all technical investigative tools by the RCMP is governed by the law and the Charter and subject to judicial control.
- . Court orders are limited and specific to the criminality under investigation, and can only be obtained if statutory requirements are met.
- . The RCMP must inform judges of the potential impact of investigative tools when seeking authorization, and use them in accordance with the limits set out by the court.
- . The Privacy Commissioner has indicated that he has launched an investigation in relation to certain investigative tools reportedly used by the RCMP, and I welcome that. The RCMP is cooperating fully with the Privacy Commissioner in this matter.

-----Original Message-----

From: Williams, Christopher R. [mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA]

Sent: April-04-17 07:15

To: Fox, Christiane; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'

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Cc: Nofle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
Subject: Re: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

**Original Message**

From: Fox, Christiane  
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 7:02 AM  
To: Williams, Christopher R.; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'  
Cc: Nofle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
Subject: RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

Thanks. Good to know.

We may be asked what we have done to prevent foreign actors from doing this

Chris, I believe I

**-----Original Message-----**

From: Williams, Christopher R. [mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA]  
Sent: April-03-17 22:31  
To: Fox, Christiane; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'  
Cc: Nofle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
Subject: Re: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

PS - I forgot to note earlier, Scott Jones our ADM for IT security will be in front of the Senate Transportation committee tomorrow AM on the issue of driver-less cars of all things (RCMP will be there too). I'll be with him and will make sure he sticks to our message if asked (although the whole subject is really outside his lane).

**Original Message**

From: Fox, Christiane  
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:40 PM

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To: Williams, Christopher R.; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'  
Cc: Nofhle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
Subject: RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

Ok, thanks Chris and thanks Ryan for CSIS info....

-----Original Message-----

From: Williams, Christopher R. [mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA]  
Sent: April-03-17 21:40  
To: Fox, Christiane; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'  
Cc: Nofhle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
Subject: Re: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

I know

so I think/hope they have what they need.

Original Message

From: Fox, Christiane  
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:36 PM  
To: 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Williams, Christopher R.  
Cc: Nofhle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
Subject: RE: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

OK, thanks.

..keep me posted if things change...Chris

-----Original Message-----

From: Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP) [mailto:ryan.baker3@canada.ca]  
Sent: April-03-17 21:34  
To: Fox, Christiane; Williams, Christopher R.  
Cc: Nofhle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
Subject: Re: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

Hi Chris,

Thanks,  
Ryan

Ryan Baker  
Public Safety Canada/ Sécurité publique Canada

Original Message

From: Fox, Christiane  
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:17 PM  
To: Williams, Christopher R.; Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)  
Cc: Nofhle, Tracie; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine

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Subject: Someone is spying on cellphones in the nation's capital

Hi Ryan and Chris.

I'm sure you have seen this report as it has been out for a few hours, not sure if my team was in touch but I'd like to know what we can say from a whole of Government perspective. I think CSE is clear in the article indicating that by law, they cannot conduct these activities but Ryan, have you had conversations on your end on how we respond to this tomorrow, will likely come up in QP. Can we be categorical on security agencies NOT being involved?

This also has some implications on Min Gould's mandate letter, etc.

Please advise and thank you.

Chris

<http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/politics/imsi-cellphones-spying-ottawa-1.4050049>

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**Williams, Christopher R.**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April-04-17 3:47 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.;  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: IMSI Catcher

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Chris  
As requested:

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**Cunning, Anna M.**

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**From:** Cunning, Anna M.  
**Sent:** April-04-17 5:44 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: Additional context

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 5:42 PM  
**To:** Cunning, Anna M.  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: Additional context

Thanks! I'll tell PCO to speak to themselves.

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**From:** Cunning, Anna M.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 5:40 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: Additional context

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FYI... This is what I sent over...

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**From:** Cunning, Anna M.  
**Sent:** April-04-17 5:06 PM  
**To:** 'david.vigneault@pco-bcp.gc.ca'  
**Subject:** Additional context

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Hi David,

As discussed,

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Anna

Anna Cuning  
Executive Director to the Chief, Communications Security Establishment  
Directrice executive de la Chef, Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications  
613-991-7546  
[Anna.Cuning@cse-cst.gc.ca](mailto:Anna.Cuning@cse-cst.gc.ca)

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**From:** Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP) <ryan.baker3@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** April-04-17 6:11 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane; Williams, Christopher R.; Nofle, Tracie  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: RCMP IMSI media briefing

The D-Comm and Chief of Staff didn't know anything about it. They're looking into it. Neither were supportive. I'll let you know what I hear.

Ryan

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[Ryan.Baker3@canada.ca](mailto:Ryan.Baker3@canada.ca)

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**From:** Fox, Christiane [<mailto:Christiane.Fox@pco-bcp.gc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 6:10 PM  
**To:** 'Williams, Christopher R.'; Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP); Nofle, Tracie  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: RCMP IMSI media briefing

OK, you as well? Also, Ryan, can you loop back with your MinO and see who they feel?

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R. [<mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA>]  
**Sent:** April 4, 2017 6:03 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Nofle, Tracie  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: RCMP IMSI media briefing

We're ok with the interviews as we understand this is very much a RCMP lane, and from their perspective. Interesting timing, however :-)

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**From:** Fox, Christiane  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 5:46 PM  
**To:** 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Nofle, Tracie  
**Cc:** Williams, Christopher R.; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: RCMP IMSI media briefing

Hi Ryan,

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I am now told that CSIS, CSEC and RCMP are all comfortable with select interviews with media tomorrow by the RCMP.

I think you aware on the line, can you confirm? I also heard that the Minister is comfortable – getting a bit of mixed messages so would like to get details asap. Thanks.

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**From:** Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP) [<mailto:ryan.baker3@canada.ca>]

**Sent:** April 4, 2017 3:44 PM

**To:** Fox, Christiane; Noftle, Tracie

**Cc:** [Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA](mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA);

Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine

**Subject:** RCMP IMSI media briefing

**Importance:** High

Hi Chris and Tracie,

RCMP just advised me that they're planning a technical briefing for selected media on how the RCMP uses the ISMI catchers. It's not clear why they want to do it tomorrow. (!!!) This came as a surprise and I wanted to make sure you're aware. I'm heading to 4Cs and we can discuss there afterwards.

Ryan

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April-05-17 11:58 AM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R  
**Cc:** Cuning, Anna M  
**Subject:** RE: Two-line update for Chief at DMOC on IMSI catchers

**Classification: SECRET**

Thanks, .I'll add that line.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April-05-17 11:56 AM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R  
**Cc:** Cuning, Anna M  
**Subject:** RE: Two-line update for Chief at DMOC on IMSI catchers

**Classification: SECRET**

Bullet 3 is accurate.. we were advised this morning that PCO will use something like this in the BN to the PM

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April-05-17 11:49 AM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R  
**Cc:** Cuning, Anna M  
**Subject:** Two-line update for Chief at DMOC on IMSI catchers

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Is this accurate from your ends?

-While RCMP is the lead, CSE has been plugged in from the communications

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**Williams, Christopher R.**

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** April-05-17 12:13 PM  
**To:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** Re: Information Request -- Toronto Star

let's draft the

unable to comment line, with some lead in thanking him

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**From:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:19 AM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** FW: Information Request -- Toronto Star

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Hi Chris – is asking for a short comment from us about any assistance we may be offering to RCMP or CSIS related to the IMSI investigation. Thoughts on what we can say here?

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**From:** I  
**Sent:** April-05-17 10:56 AM  
**To:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Subject:** Information Request -- Toronto Star

Good morning Media Blackberry,

Quick question for you: Has either CSIS or the RCMP asked for CSE assistance in relation to the investigation into IMSI catchers in the parliamentary precinct?

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/04/04/rcmp-and-csis-investigate-after-apparent-eavesdropping-on-cellphones-near-parliament-hill.html>

Seems like something they would want to request Mandate C assistance with. I know you can't comment re: ongoing investigations or anything, but given that the investigation was publicly acknowledged yesterday, I think this is a bit of a special case. N.B. I don't need an interview or much of a comment -- just wondering if CSE is engaged with this.

Thanks in advance,

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**Williams, Christopher R.**

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**From:** Fox, Christiane <Christiane.Fox@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** April-05-17 10:19 AM  
**To:** O'Nions, Christine; Williams, Christopher R.; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Nofle, Tracie  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel  
**Subject:** RE: RCMP IMSI media briefing

Thanks. Glad we added French reporters. Chris

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**From:** O'Nions, Christine  
**Sent:** April 5, 2017 9:47 AM  
**To:** 'Williams, Christopher R.'; Fox, Christiane; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Nofle, Tracie  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel  
**Subject:** RE: RCMP IMSI media briefing

reporters Cribb and Freeze (Toronto Star), and Seglins (CBC), Cullen CBC, and Brigitte Bureau RadioCan

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R. [<mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA>]  
**Sent:** April 5, 2017 9:43 AM  
**To:** O'Nions, Christine; Fox, Christiane; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Nofle, Tracie  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel  
**Subject:** Re: RCMP IMSI media briefing

Thanks. Do we know who is invited?

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**From:** O'Nions, Christine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 9:39 AM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; Fox, Christiane; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Nofle, Tracie  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel  
**Subject:** RE: RCMP IMSI media briefing

Yes. At 10 am.

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R. [<mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA>]  
**Sent:** April 5, 2017 9:30 AM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Nofle, Tracie  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: RCMP IMSI media briefing

Is this still planned for today?

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Nofle, Tracie

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**Cc:** Williams, Christopher R.; Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: RCMP IMSI media briefing

No issue with RCMP speaking to this, but it won't change the public position of the Service on these issues: we don't speak to our operational methods, for a variety of reasons distinct from the RCMP.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

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**From:** Fox, Christiane  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 7:51 AM  
**To:** 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Nofle, Tracie  
**Cc:** [Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA](mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA); Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: RCMP IMSI media briefing

Hi Ryan,

I am now told that CSIS, CSEC and RCMP are all comfortable with select interviews with media tomorrow by the RCMP.  
I think you aware on the line, can you confirm? I also heard that the Minister is comfortable – getting a bit of mixed messages so would like to get details asap. Thanks.

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**From:** Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP) [<mailto:ryan.baker3@canada.ca>]  
**Sent:** April 4, 2017 3:44 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane; Nofle, Tracie  
**Cc:** [Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA](mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA); Lindblad, Anabel; O'Nions, Christine  
**Subject:** RCMP IMSI media briefing  
**Importance:** High

Hi Chris and Tracie,

RCMP just advised me that they're planning a technical briefing for selected media on how the RCMP uses the ISMI catchers. It's not clear why they want to do it tomorrow. (!!!) This came as a surprise and I wanted to make sure you're aware. I'm heading to 4Cs and we can discuss there afterwards.

Ryan

Ryan Baker  
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**Williams, Christopher R.**

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** April-05-17 12:14 PM  
**To:** Media CSEC-CSTC; Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** Re: Information Request -- Toronto Star

Good - thanks. I'll get right back to you.

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**From:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 12:05 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** RE: Information Request -- Toronto Star

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Ok, here's both options, but agree that option 1 is probably best.

***Proposed Response 1***

Hi thanks for the questions. We understand your interest in this matter but unfortunately, we can't comment on an ongoing investigation.

***Proposed Response 2***

Ryan Foreman  
CSE Media Relations  
Relations avec les medias, CST

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** April-05-17 11:39 AM  
**To:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** Re: Information Request -- Toronto Star

We should also draft another response about not being able to comment on an ongoing investigation, which is where I expect we'll land.

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:36 AM  
**To:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** Re: Information Request -- Toronto Star

We'll have to check

something together

Can you pull

I think).

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**From:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:19 AM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** FW: Information Request -- Toronto Star

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Hi Chris – is asking for a short comment from us about any assistance we may be offering to RCMP or CSIS related to the IMSI investigation. Thoughts on what we can say here?

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**From:** @thestar.ca]  
**Sent:** April-05-17 10:56 AM  
**To:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Subject:** Information Request -- Toronto Star

Good morning Media Blackberry,

Quick question for you: Has either CSIS or the RCMP asked for CSE assistance in relation to the investigation into IMSI catchers in the parliamentary precinct?

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/04/04/rcmp-and-csis-investigate-after-apparent-eavesdropping-on-cellphones-near-parliament-hill.html>

Seems like something they would want to request Mandate C assistance with. I know you can't comment re: ongoing investigations or anything, but given that the investigation was publicly acknowledged yesterday, I think this is a bit of a special case. N.B. I don't need an interview or much of a comment -- just wondering if CSE is engaged with this.

Thanks in advance,

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**Presley, Erika A.**

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**From:** Cuning, Anna M.  
**Sent:** April-05-17 12:35 PM  
**To:** Bossenmaier, Greta A.  
**Subject:** Fw:

Chief,

For your review and approval, please. have given their thumb's up.

Thank you.

Anna

**From:** Williams, Christopher R. <[Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA](mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** eo\_staff  
**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.  
**Subject:**

Good afternoon,

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Hi thanks for the questions. We understand your interest in this matter but unfortunately, we can't comment on an ongoing RCMP investigation.

Any concerns?

Thanks.

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**Sent:** April-05-17 12:39 PM  
**To:** Cuning, Anna M.; eo\_staff  
**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.;  
**Subject:** Re:

Ok. Deadline is 3pm. After we're ok with it, i'll coordinated through the mndo and pco/s+i partners.

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**From:** Cuning, Anna M.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; eo\_staff  
**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.  
**Subject:** Re:

Pls stand by. Let me know if there's a looming deadline.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 12:31 PM  
**To:** Cuning, Anna M.; Williams, Christopher R.; eo\_staff  
**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.;  
**Subject:** Re:

Yes. I'm fine. We talked.

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**From:** Cuning, Anna M.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 12:30 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; eo\_staff  
**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.;  
**Subject:** Re:

Has the proposed response been reviewed by yet?

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** eo\_staff  
**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.  
**Subject:**

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Any concerns?

Thanks.

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**Presley, Erika A**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April-05-17 1:04 PM  
**To:** eo\_staff  
**Cc:** Cuning, Anna M  
**Subject:** Update for Chief on IMSI Catchers

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IMSI Grabber update for DMOC:

-While RCMP is the lead, CSE has been plugged in from the communications

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**Williams, Christopher R.**

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**Sent:** April-05-17 1:14 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** FW: Media call - on IMSI from Toronto Star

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FYI – CSIS has questions from [redacted] is well.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April-05-17 1:00 PM  
**To:** 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP) ([ryan.baker3@canada.ca](mailto:ryan.baker3@canada.ca))'; 'Duval, Jean Paul (PS/SP) ([jeanpaul.duval@canada.ca](mailto:jeanpaul.duval@canada.ca))'  
**Cc:** 'Jolene Bradley Ext-PCH'; Foreman, Ryan  
**Subject:** Media call - on IMSI from Toronto Star

Hi Ryan,

I received a request from [redacted] Toronto Star – related to MIN Goodale confirming yesterday the investigation about IMSI catchers downtown. He asks:

- 1.) When did the investigation begin?
- 2.) Is CSIS or the RCMP lead on the investigation?
- 3.) Has CSIS or the RCMP requested Mandate C assistance from CSE?
- 4.) Has the investigation completely ruled out Canadian agencies from suspicion of using the IMSI catchers?

Are we able to speak more about this issue since yesterday? Anyone else receive the same inquiry?

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**Cc:** Rochon, Dominic J.  
**Subject:** Re:

Approved. Thanks.

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# RCMP Fact Sheet

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In 2016, the RCMP used MDI technology in only 19 investigations.

### **Who makes the decision to deploy the technology and what oversight is there of their use?**

Before this technology is deployed, senior officer approval and a valid judicial authorization are required. Prior judicial authorization is not required, in extremely urgent cases where the police reasonably believe there is a need to deploy the technology to prevent imminent harm or death.

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**From:** Cuning, Anna M.  
**Sent:** April-05-17 1:53 PM  
**To:** eo\_staff  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Fw: RCMP Summary and Web Posting  
**Attachments:** MDI Fact Sheet FINAL.docx  
  
**Importance:** High

Hi,

Please print for me.

Thanks.

Anna

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R. <[Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA](mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 1:52 PM  
**To:** Cuning, Anna M.; Rochon, Dominic J.; Jones Scott E.; Bruce, Shelly D.  
**Subject:** Fw: RCMP Summary and Web Posting

FYI - below is the summary of today's RCMP media tech brief.

Also attached is fact sheet they plan on releasing this afternoon.

Thanks.

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**From:** Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP) <[ryan.baker3@canada.ca](mailto:ryan.baker3@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 1:48 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Magee, Heather (PS/SP); Bruneau, Véronique (PS/SP); Duval, Jean Paul (PS/SP); Wilson, Ashleigh (PS/SP)  
**Subject:** RCMP Summary and Web Posting

Hi all,

Find below the RCMP's synopsis from today's media teleconference, and attached is their proposed web posting.

On the latter, they planned to post at 3 p.m. I told them to hold off until I can confirm MO and PCO are comfortable. Let me know if you have any concerns.

C/Supt. Jeff ADAM read his statement and officially confirmed the RCMP's use of MDIs. He provided information around our authority to use and possess the devices and explained for what purpose they are used by the RCMP. We've attached the fact sheet (statement) that will be posted online by 15:00hrs.

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There were a lot of questions around the technology itself - ie the capability of MDIs to intercept communications. Jeff re-iterated that while MDIs are capable of this, the RCMP ones are not and are only used to collect International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) and International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) data associated with the phones, allowing the operator to identify the phone used by the suspect. Jeff explained that while we have the capability for intercept, it would not be done with MDIs and that would require separate judicial authority that we may or may not receive.

Questions were asked around the RCMP's authority to use MDIs. Jeff explained the judicial authority, including warrants to use them as well as ISED authorization. Since we only received the authorization recently, questions were asked about whether we were in fact authorized to use the devices prior to ISED given us authorization. Jeff explained we had an exemption under jammers until it was realized that these were not jammers and that we still had to get a warrant for their use, regardless of how they are classified in the Radiocommunications Act.

Questions were also asked about how other agencies (ie CSIS) might use these. Jeff did not get comment on that. Questions were also asked about other police agencies' use of MDIs and whether they need to go through the RCMP first. The response was they do not and that other police agencies have used them.

Numbers were provided on how often the RCMP used MDIs in 2015 and 2016 and how many MDIs we possess and the number of operators trained to use them.

There was a question asked (hypothetically) on if they were being used around Parliament or government, would that be considered a national security threat. The response was "yes". Jeff reiterated that we are investigating the incidents from the CBC story.

In relation to that story, questions were asked around some of the counter surveillance measures available to detect MDIs, but Jeff declined to comment on this.

Finally, questions were raised around privacy issues, particularly when it involves information of Canadians who are not a suspect in a crime. Jeff explained how the information collected is stored and used in court and destroyed after court proceedings. The use of MDIs in the RCMP is also reported and tracked.

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**Cunning, Anna M.**

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**From:** Cunning, Anna M.  
**Sent:** April-05-17 1:57 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Waddington, Joe R; Jones Scott E.  
**Subject:** Re: [REQ- 5825] IMSI catchers / Phone spying

Thanks, We will get back to you.

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**From**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 1:56 PM  
**To:** Cunning, Anna M.;  
**Cc:** Waddington, Joe R; Jones Scott E.  
**Subject:** FW: [REQ- 5825] IMSI catchers / Phone spying

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Anna,

As discussed, please see below the request from the Supreme Courts of Canada asking for our guidance on the IMSI Catcher concern that has been reported. I would like to ensure we are putting out a consistent message on this so would like to work with you before we go back to the SCC.

I have asked my team to get back to them acknowledging their request and that we will look into it.

Director,  
CSE

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April-05-17 1:19 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: [REQ- 5825] IMSI catchers / Phone spying

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Hi

As discussed, we received a request from Supreme Courts Canada related to the IMSI catcher article from CBC (and circulated by other outlets).

Before we go back to SCC, just wanted to make sure we're providing a consistent message to anyone asking about our A&G as it relates to the article. Can you please advise how we should proceed?

I will let them know that we received their request and will investigate further.

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Cheers,

Supervisor - GC ITS Client Services |  
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Centre de la sécurité des télécommunications Canada  
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**From:** Bisson Louis [<mailto:Louis.Bisson@SCC-CSC.CA>]  
**Sent:** April-05-17 11:39 AM  
**To:** GC ITS Client Services  
**Cc:** Authier Philippe  
**Subject:** [REQ- 5825] IMSI catchers / Phone spying

Good morning,

We are seeking your help with the CBC article (<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/goodale-spying-investigation-phone-1.4055107?cmp=rss>) that made headline in multiple news feed.

Thank you.  
Louis

Louis Bisson  
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**From:** Foreman, Ryan  
**Sent:** April-05-17 2:07 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Lauri  
**Subject:** FW: Media call - on IMSI from Toronto Star

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Hi Chris - From PS, re: IMSI investigation. Don't see any issues here. I'll share our response once we get the ok from PCO.

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**From:** Duval, Jean Paul (PS/SP) [<mailto:jeanpaul.duval@canada.ca>]  
**Sent:** April-05-17 1:58 PM  
**To:** Foreman, Ryan; jolene bradley Ext-PCH  
**Cc:** Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP); Magee, Heather (PS/SP)  
**Subject:** RE: Media call - on IMSI from Toronto Star

Hi all,

Just so we continue to be coordinated on this topic, **can you let us know if there you have any concerns with the following response to Qs re: IMSI investigation.** Final approvals will be sought following your reply/input.

**Reactive MLs:**

- The Minister has confirmed that federal agencies are collaborating on an ongoing investigation into this matter.
- As to not jeopardize the investigation, we will not be commenting further.

Pretty straight forward stuff but I'm happy to discuss as needed. Thoughts, questions, suggestions are welcome as always.

Many thanks,  
JP

Jean Paul Duval  
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Gestionnaire - Relations avec les médias et gestion des enjeux  
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**From:** Foreman, Ryan [<mailto:Ryan.Foreman@CSE-CST.GC.CA>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 1:13 PM  
**To:** Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP); Duval, Jean Paul (PS/SP)  
**Cc:** jolene bradley Ext-PCH  
**Subject:** RE: Media call - on IMSI from Toronto Star

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Thanks

CSE has also received a similar question from [redacted] at the Star, asking if we are providing the RCMP or CSIS with assistance in this investigation under mandate C.

Ryan Foreman  
CSE Media Relations  
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- 2.) Is CSIS or the RCMP lead on the investigation?
- 3.) Has CSIS or the RCMP requested Mandate C assistance from CSE?
- 4.) Has the investigation completely ruled out Canadian agencies from suspicion of using the IMSI catchers?

Are we able to speak more about this issue since yesterday? Anyone else receive the same inquiry?

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**Cunning, Anna M.**

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**From:** Cunning, Anna M.  
**Sent:** April-05-17 3:26 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Waddington, Joe R; Jones Scott E.  
**Subject:** Re: [REQ-5828] Cell Phone Intercepts in the News

Thanks, I believe that Scott is thinking through an approach on how best to inform depts. Pls connect with him. We may want to do something with a wider reach rather than one-off replies.

For everyone's consideration.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 3:23 PM  
**To:** Cunning, Anna M.;  
**Cc:** Waddington, Joe R; Jones Scott E.  
**Subject:** FW: [REQ-5828] Cell Phone Intercepts in the News

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A slightly different question but related to the CBC article.

Director,  
CSE

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April-05-17 2:59 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: [REQ-5828] Cell Phone Intercepts in the News

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Hi

As discussed, we received another email related to the CBC article. In talking to and BBM Enterprise will protect up to Protected B info on all three services (message, voice and video).

As this is more technical in nature, can you please confirm if we can respond directly to CRA or if this also needs to go through HQ first.

Cheers,

Supervisor - GC ITS Client Services |

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Communications Security Establishment Canada |  
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**From:** Porter, Doug [<mailto:Doug.Porter@cra-arc.gc.ca>]  
**Sent:** April-05-17 1:41 PM  
**To:** GC ITS Client Services  
**Subject:** [REQ-5828] Cell Phone Intercepts in the News

Hello:

I got a question from my Director General because of this article in the news:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/imsi-cellphones-spying-ottawa-1.4050049>

Here was his question:

"I need confirmation as to whether or not the BBM Enterprise is protected against the espionage tools found on parliament hill yesterday?

Can you confirm that they can't be listened to or read by another party if using BBM up to Protected B for all 3 (message, voice, video)?

Thanks a lot and sorry for this short notice.  
Michel"

I told him voice and text messaging is not encrypted and if intercepted in the air would be legible. However BBM Enterprise uses point to point encryption which is not decoded in transit so should be secure based on the PB rating of eBBM. Voice and Video would require the additional license on top of the base eBBM license.

However, he wanted me to follow-up with you. If anything this is a reason to be using eBBM.

Thanks,

Doug Porter, CD  
MCT Alumni, MCITP, MCTS, MCSE, MCSA, MCP, MCNE, CNE, CDE, CCA, CTT+, Network+, INet+, CIW, ITIL  
IT Specialist, Mobility Tech Lead, Technology Strategist

Digital Collaboration & Innovation (DCI),  
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**Williams, Christopher R.**

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**From:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Sent:** April-05-17 4:25 PM  
**To:** JORDAN.OWENS@forces.gc.ca; RENEE.FILIATRAULT@forces.gc.ca  
**Cc:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Subject:** Re: FYI - CSE media call - RCMP investigation into IMSI catchers

Just an FYI that the reporter may reach out to your office to see if he'll get a different response from you....

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**From:** JORDAN.OWENS@forces.gc.ca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 1:55 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.; RENEE.FILIATRAULT@forces.gc.ca  
**Cc:** Media CSEC-CSTC  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - CSE media call - RCMP investigation into IMSI catchers

No concerns.

Thanks!  
J.

**From:** Williams, Christopher R. [mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA]  
**Sent:** April-05-17 1:45 PM  
**To:** Owens J@MND@Ottawa-Hull <JORDAN.OWENS@forces.gc.ca>; Filiatrault R@MND@Ottawa-Hull <RENEE.FILIATRAULT@forces.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Media CSEC-CSTC <Media@CSE-CST.GC.CA>  
**Subject:** FYI - CSE media call - RCMP investigation into IMSI catchers

Good afternoon,

Please note that we have received a media call from the Toronto Star asking if we've been asked, under mandate C, by the RCMP to assist them in their IMSI investigation. I understand others may have received the same call (csis, rcmp etc). Below is our proposed response. We will coordinate with pco before responding.

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Hi thanks for the questions. We understand your interest in this matter but unfortunately, we can't comment on an ongoing RCMP investigation.

Any concerns?

Thanks!

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**Williams, Christopher R.**

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**From:** Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP) <ryan.baker3@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** April-05-17 4:38 PM  
**To:** Williams, Christopher R.  
**Cc:** Magee, Heather (PS/SP); Bruneau, Véronique (PS/SP); Duval, Jean Paul (PS/SP); Wilson, Ashleigh (PS/SP)  
**Subject:** RE: RCMP Summary and Web Posting

FYI

RCMP has advised that their spokesperson isn't available anymore – he's hosting an international conference on policing – so they aren't able to do another briefing. They've posted their statement and are sending it reporters who call.

Ryan Baker  
Director, Public Affairs / Directeur, Affaires publiques  
Public Safety Canada / Sécurité publique Canada  
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**From:** Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 1:47 PM  
**To:** [Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA](mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA)  
**Cc:** Magee, Heather (PS/SP); Bruneau, Véronique (PS/SP); Duval, Jean Paul (PS/SP) ([jeanpaul.duval@canada.ca](mailto:jeanpaul.duval@canada.ca)); Wilson, Ashleigh (PS/SP)  
**Subject:** RCMP Summary and Web Posting  
**Importance:** High

Hi all,

Find below the RCMP's synopsis from today's media teleconference, and attached is their proposed web posting.

On the latter, they planned to post at 3 p.m. I told them to hold off until I can confirm MO and PCO are comfortable. Let me know if you have any concerns.

C/Supt. Jeff ADAM read his statement and officially confirmed the RCMP's use of MDIs. He provided information around our authority to use and possess the devices and explained for what purpose they are used by the RCMP. We've attached the fact sheet (statement) that will be posted online by 15:00hrs.

There were a lot of questions around the technology itself - ie the capability of MDIs to intercept communications. Jeff re-iterated that while MDIs are capable of this, the RCMP ones are not and are only used to collect International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) and International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) data associated with the phones, allowing the operator to identify the phone used by the suspect. Jeff explained that while we have the capability for intercept, it would not be done with MDIs and that would require separate judicial authority that we may or may not receive.

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Questions were asked around the RCMP's authority to use MDIs. Jeff explained the judicial authority, including warrants to use them as well as ISED authorization. Since we only received the authorization recently, questions were asked about whether we were in fact authorized to use the devices prior to ISED given us authorization. Jeff explained we had an exemption under jammers until it was realized that these were not jammers and that we still had to get a warrant for their use, regardless of how they are classified in the Radiocommunications Act.

Questions were also asked about how other agencies (ie CSIS) might use these. Jeff did not get comment on that. Questions were also asked about other police agencies' use of MDIs and whether they need to go through the RCMP first. The response was they do not and that other police agencies have used them.

Numbers were provided on how often the RCMP used MDIs in 2015 and 2016 and how many MDIs we possess and the number of operators trained to use them.

There was a question asked (hypothetically) on if they were being used around Parliament or government, would that be considered a national security threat. The response was "yes". Jeff reiterated that we are investigating the incidents from the CBC story.

In relation to that story, questions were asked around some of the counter surveillance measures available to detect MDIs, but Jeff declined to comment on this.

Finally, questions were raised around privacy issues, particularly when it involves information of Canadians who are not a suspect in a crime. Jeff explained how the information collected is stored and used in court and destroyed after court proceedings. The use of MDIs in the RCMP is also reported and tracked.

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**Williams, Christopher R.**

**From:** Duval, Jean Paul (PS/SP) <jeanpaul.duval@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** April-05-17 5:51 PM  
**To:** O'Nions, Christine; jolene bradley Ext-PCH; Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP); Williams, Christopher R.; Fox, Christiane; Nofle, Tracie; Julie Gagnon  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel; Liam Gerofsky;  
**Subject:** RE: IMSI media call

We received a call from the "Daily Hive". The call log is included below. Our MO took the call.

<b>Reporter</b>	
<b>Media Outlet</b>	Daily Hive
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>E-mail Address</b>	
<b>Call Date</b>	05/04/2017 4:00 PM
<b>Deadline</b>	05/04/2017 5:00 PM
<b>Status</b>	Referred to MO
<b>Subject</b>	IMSI catchers found around Parliament
<b>Questions</b>	I'm a at Daily Hive and I'm writing a story about the use of IMSI catchers (also known as MDI devices or Stingrays) in Canada.

I was wondering if you could comment:

- were some of these devices found around Parliament Hill?
- how many were found?
- do these devices belong to a law enforcement agency?
- are these devices being investigated, and by whom?
- what do you have to say to Canadians worried about the police or third parties tapping into their cellphones and eavesdropping on their private calls?

If you could get back to me ASAP, by email or phone, that would be great.

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JP Duval  
613-949-9741

[JeanPaul.Duval@Canada.ca](mailto:JeanPaul.Duval@Canada.ca)

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 5:46 PM  
**To:** O'Nions, Christine; jolene bradley Ext-PCH; Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP); Christopher R.' Williams; Fox, Christiane; Nofle, Tracie; Julie Gagnon; Duval, Jean Paul (PS/SP)  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel; Liam Gerofsky;  
**Subject:** Re: IMSI media call

Just the one from TO Star, referred to PS for response.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

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**From:** O'Nions, Christine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 5:43 PM  
**To:** 'Jolene Bradley'; Ryan (PS/SP) 'Baker3; Christopher R.' Williams; Fox, Christiane; Nofle, Tracie; Julie Gagnon; Duval, Jean Paul (PS/SP)  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel; Liam Gerofsky;  
**Subject:** RE: IMSI media call

Thanks. Ryan, JP                      Chris, any other calls?

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**From:** Jolene Bradley [<mailto:Jolene.Bradley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>]  
**Sent:** April 5, 2017 5:27 PM  
**To:** Ryan (PS/SP) 'Baker3; Christopher R.' Williams; Fox, Christiane; O'Nions, Christine; Nofle, Tracie; Julie Gagnon;  
**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel; Liam Gerofsky;  
**Subject:** RE: IMSI media call

We had the Toronto Star request plus (CBC), (CBC Toronto), and (Agence QMI) who were wondering whether the RCMP has launched any kind of formal investigation or even information inquiry in light of the CBC reporting on the IMSI catcher use in Ottawa. Our response was that we were looking into the matter but would not provide further comment.

Jolene

>>> "O'Nions, Christine" <Christine.O'Nions@pco-bcp.gc.ca> 2017/04/05 5:23 PM >>>

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Were there any other calls on the subject of SMSI?

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**From:** Jolene Bradley [<mailto:Jolene.Bradley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>]

**Sent:** April 5, 2017 4:48 PM

**To:** Ryan (PS/SP) 'Baker3; Christopher R.' 'Williams; Fox, Christiane; O'Nions, Christine; Noftle, Tracie; Julie Gagnon;

**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel; Liam Gerofsky;

**Subject:** RE: IMSI media call

It's my understanding that PS Comms will return the call from the Toronto Star with the following:

- The Minister has confirmed that federal agencies are collaborating on an ongoing investigation into this matter.
- As to not jeopardize the investigation, we will not be commenting further.

We provided the reporter with the fact sheet. He hasn't come back with any questions.

Jolene

>>> "O'Nions, Christine" <[Christine.O'Nions@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:Christine.O'Nions@pco-bcp.gc.ca)> 2017/04/05 4:31 PM >>>

Will you be calling            And speaking to him then to provide the response to his Q rather than just giving him a written response?

Please confirm.

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**From:** Jolene Bradley [<mailto:Jolene.Bradley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>]

**Sent:** April 5, 2017 4:11 PM

**To:** Ryan (PS/SP) 'Baker3; Christopher R.' 'Williams; Fox, Christiane; O'Nions, Christine; Noftle, Tracie; Julie Gagnon; 'Andrew Swift'

**Cc:** Lindblad, Anabel; Liam Gerofsky;

**Subject:** Re: IMSI media call

Hi everyone,

Unfortunately C/Supt Adam is not available to do another technical briefing on this issue today. Further, the subject matter is not one that lends itself to the setting of a large technical briefing which is why we had the exclusive with reporters who recently covered the topic and/or have knowledge of the issue. We have emailed the fact sheet (which is posted online) to all reporters asking about the exclusive and will take any questions they may have.

Jolene

>>> "Fox, Christiane" <[Christiane.Fox@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:Christiane.Fox@pco-bcp.gc.ca)> 2017/04/05 3:34 PM >>>

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Yes, this is our strong recommendation. Thank you.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: O'Nions, Christine

Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 3:30 PM

To: 'Jolene Bradley'; Ryan (PS/SP) 'Baker3; Christopher R.' 'Williams; Fox, Christiane; Nofte, Tracie; Julie Gagnon

Cc: Lindblad, Anabel; Liam Gerofsky,

Subject: RE: IMSI media call

We would recommend offering a briefing to all media today not just pointing to the post.

From: Jolene Bradley [mailto:[Jolene.Bradley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Jolene.Bradley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)]

Sent: April 5, 2017 3:25 PM

To: Ryan (PS/SP) 'Baker3; Christopher R.' 'Williams; Fox, Christiane; O'Nions, Christine; Nofte, Tracie; Julie Gagnon;

Cc: Lindblad, Anabel; Liam Gerofsky;

Subject: RE: IMSI media call

At this point our position remains. We'll refer reporters to the information that will be posted online (in a matter of minutes).

Jolene

>>> "O'Nions, Christine" <Christine.O'Nions@pco-bcp.gc.ca> 2017/04/05 3:17 PM >>>

In light of this comment, will RCMP be offering the same briefing to other reporters who request it?

>> Reporter: Well, that's a really interesting question. Certainly, they are talking about this in response to media coverage and so you would tend to think that that was the CBC Radio-Canada reporting. They are also it seems seeking greater transparency but I should say, and that the technical briefing and only three media outlets were invited and so that's a limitation on transparency, certainly. And they'll put out this information in the form of a news release probably coming out right now as we speak.

From: Jolene Bradley [mailto:[Jolene.Bradley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Jolene.Bradley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)]

Sent: April 5, 2017 2:36 PM

To: Ryan (PS/SP) 'Baker3; Christopher R.' 'Williams; Fox, Christiane; O'Nions, Christine; Nofte, Tracie; Julie Gagnon;

Cc: Lindblad, Anabel; Liam Gerofsky,

Subject: RE: IMSI media call

Hi Christine,

C/Supt Adam was asked about impacts on 9-11 calls during the briefing and he explained that emergency calls could be impacted, thus the language we have created on least disruption.

Jolene

>>> "O'Nions, Christine" <Christine.O'Nions@pco-bcp.gc.ca> 2017/04/05 2:33 PM >>>

Our policy folks had a comment. Would you be able to address it pls.

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The last bullet may be worth a double-check. There has apparently been some concern that these techniques could affect 911 calls. My understanding is that is not the case – to dispel any concerns that may be raised by the "least disruption" language they may want to add a line explicitly stating that emergency services calls are not affected.

From: Jolene Bradley [mailto:[Jolene.Bradley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Jolene.Bradley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)]

Sent: April 5, 2017 2:29 PM

To: Ryan (PS/SP) 'Baker3; Christopher R.' 'Williams; Fox, Christiane; O'Nions, Christine; Noftle, Tracie; Julie Gagnon;

Cc: Lindblad, Anabe

Subject: RE: IMSI media call

Hi folks,

We received the same call and PS Comms will be responding with generic lines stating the Minister has confirmed that federal agencies are collaborating on an ongoing investigation, nothing further.

We are also moments away from posting our fact sheet from this morning's technical briefing online.

Jolene

>>> "O'Nions, Christine" <[Christine.O'Nions@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:Christine.O'Nions@pco-bcp.gc.ca)> 2017/04/05 2:17 PM >>>

Thanks for that info FYI. PCO policy is comfortable with the response below, but I'll await the final word on this.

From:

Sent: April 5, 2017 2:14 PM

To: O'Nions, Christine; 'Williams, Christopher R.'; Fox, Christiane; 'Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Noftle, Tracie; 'Jolene Bradley Ext-PCH'; 'Julie Gagnon'

Cc: Lindblad, Anabel

Subject: RE: IMSI media call

We received the same inquiry. We've been in touch with PS and suggested there be one agency speak to this. I believe they are confirming with Min Goodale's office.

From: O'Nions, Christine [mailto:[Christine.O'Nions@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:Christine.O'Nions@pco-bcp.gc.ca)]

Sent: 5-Apr-17 1:53 PM

To: 'Williams, Christopher R.'; Fox, Christiane

Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Noftle, Tracie; Jolene Bradley Ext-PCH;

Julie Gagnon

Cc: Lindblad, Anabel

Subject: IMSI media call

Inviting RCMP to the party so that we are all on the same page.

From: Williams, Christopher R. [mailto:[Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA](mailto:Christopher.Williams@CSE-CST.GC.CA)]

Sent: April 5, 2017 1:44 PM

To: Fox, Christiane; O'Nions, Christine;

Baker3, Ryan (PS/SP)'; Noftle, Tracie

Cc: Lindblad, Anabel

Subject: Re: RCMP IMSI media briefing

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Any concerns?